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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.); PFOR GT
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO GUATEMALA: HELICOPTER TOUR

REF: GUATEMALA 1327, GUATEMALA 1307, SECTO 04069

1. APPRECIATE PROMPT AND HELPFUL RESPONSE ON SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT TO GUATEMALA.
2. THERE IS NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER IN EXPANDING THE SECRETARY'S TIME IN THE AIR TO INCLUDE OVERFLIGHTS OVER ADDITIONAL DEVASTATED AREAS.
3. THE PROPOSAL TO HAVE THE SECRETARY VISIT THE CHINOOKS AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT AND US ARMY ENGINEER PERSONNEL TO BE USED FOR RE-OPENING OF ATLANTIC HIGHWAY WAS DESIGNED BOTH TO MEET YOUR CONCERN TO PLAY UP THE RELIEF ROLE OF SOUTHCOM (STATE 036640) AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE SOME INTERESTING COPY FOR THE PRESS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS. AS PART OF THE ACTIVITIES, WE HAD THOUGHT OF HAVING A CHINEEK COME IN AND LIFT OFF A SLINGLOAD (THIS COULD BE EITHER AN ACTUAL DROP OR A DEMONSTRATION, DEPENDING UPON HOW MUCH DAYLIGHT TIME IS LEFT). HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S PREFERENCE TO KEEP THE TIME ON THE GROUND TO A MINIMUM WE CAN CUT THIS BIT TO
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AROUND TEN MINUTES.

4. ADVANCE SECRET SERVICE TEAM ARRIVING LATER THIS AFTERNOON AND WE WILL DISCUSS WITH THEM HOW MANY SEATS THEY WANT ON THE SECOND HELICOPTER, AND WILL ASSIGN THE REMAINING SEATS IN THE ORDER SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH FIVE REFTEL (C).

5. SECTOS 4070 AND 4072 JUST RECEIVED. AM MOST GRATIFIED SECRETARY AGREES TO RIDE IN PRESIDENT LAUGERUD'S LIMOUSINE. I WILL PHONE FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA IMMEDIATELY TO EXTEND INVITATION TO HIM TO RIDE ON SECRETARY'S PLANE FROM SAN JOSE TO GUATEMALA. MELOY

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